

CHAPTER 100: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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100.01 PURPOSE

(a) The President in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD) - 5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, local, and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity.

(b) The collective input and guidance from all Federal, State, local, and tribal homeland security partners has been, and will continue to be, vital to the development, effective implementation and utilization of a comprehensive NIMS.

(c) It is necessary and desirable that all Federal, State, local and tribal emergency agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management.

(d) To facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management, it is critical that Federal, State, local, and tribal organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters.

(e) The NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the State's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local and state agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes.

100.02 OFFICIAL INCIDENT RESPONSE SYSTEM.

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) dated March 1, 2004, is hereby approved and adopted as the standard for incident management within the City of Richmond.

100.03 TRAINING, EXERCISE, AND USE OF NIMS.

That all incident managers and response organizations under the jurisdiction and control of the City of Richmond shall train, exercise and use NIMS in their response operations.

100.98 SEVERABILITY.

If any section, clause or portion of this ordinance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

100.99 EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage by the Common Council.